

**REPORT**  
ON THE  
SANITARY CONDITION  
OF THE  
**BOROUGH ÷ OF ÷ DEVIZES,**

BY  
E. N. CARLESS,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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# REPORT.

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BOROUGH OF DEVIZES,

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*To the TOWN COUNCIL OF DEVIZES, acting as  
the Urban Sanitary Authority.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary condition of the Borough, for the year ending the 31st December, 1894, together with the year's Report concerning the Isolation Hospital, and the receipts and expenditure for the year in connection with the Hospital.

I am pleased to be able to state that the Death-rate for the year is lower than the Death-rates for the three preceding years.

I have to point out that the necessity for providing additional accommodation at the Isolation Hospital became apparent at the close of the year. Three cases of scarlet fever occurred in two houses at different parts of the town, when the Hospital was occupied by a patient suffering from diphtheria. Fortunately the

patient was convalescent, or nearly so, and no other cases of diphtheria occurring at this time, when the patient was discharged, the Hospital was disinfected and the children suffering from scarlet fever were transferred there. In the meantime the parents of the children affected and the other members of the families were isolated in their own homes, until the Hospital was vacant, when the patients were admitted. No other members of the families have developed the disease.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. NICOLLS CARLESS,

Medical Officer of Health.

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*GENERAL SANITARY CONDITION of the DISTRICT.*

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**POPULATION.**

The Population of the Borough taken at the last Census (1891) was 6,426.

POPULATION.	1891.	1881.	1871.
ST. JOHN'S PARISH	1866	1940	2039
ST. MARY'S   ,,   ,,	2392	2605	2700
ST. JAMES'   }   ,, Within	1850	1779	1746
ROWDE        }   the	318	321	354
			Borough.

## **AREA.**

The area is 917 acres, the number of persons per acre 7, and the number of persons per inhabited house about 4.

## **WATER SUPPLY.**

This is obtained from a deep well on the Downs at Beckhampton, and is a *constant* supply.

The average amount used per head per diem is about 19 gallons during the year.

It is satisfactory to note that the operations carried out last year at the well have proved a success, and that an ample supply for all purposes is obtained. No fresh analysis has been made this year.

## **SEWAGE WORKS.**

The system of treating the sewage has occupied the attention of the Sanitary Authority, and improvements have been made in the method of treating the effluent.

## **REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.**

There has been a marked improvement in the collection of the refuse, this having been done systematically and with greater regularity than in previous years.

The destruction of refuse is still carried on at the Farm in the occupation of the Sanitary Authority, at the furnace erected last year.

### **WATER CLOSETS.**

During a house-to-house inspection, in the course of being made by the Inspector of Nuisances, a considerable number of houses have been discovered with water closets without any (or an insufficient supply) of water for flushing purposes. Steps have been taken to remedy this, with success.

### **SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.**

Eight now exist within the Borough, an additional one having been licensed in June last. They have been generally kept in a fairly clean condition, but the situation of all is unsatisfactory. They are visited and reported upon by the Inspector at intervals.

### **BAKE-HOUSES.**

These are visited at least twice in the year, and are usually found to be in a clean state.

### **DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.**

These are inspected periodically. I am unable to report that these are *always* in the clean state that is desirable.

### **PERIODIC INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.**

The Town has been systemically inspected by me twice during the year, and some parts on several occasions.

### ***SUMMARY OF NUISANCES.***

Nuisances requiring structural alterations in drains or closets .. .. .	23
W.C.'s without a supply, or an insufficient supply of water .. .. .	51
W.C.'s or drains in unsanitary condition ..	10
Unwholesome condition of houses .. ..	1
Animals kept so as to be nuisances .. ..	2
Other nuisances .. .. .	53

### ***SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.***

A house-to-house inspection of the Town is in the course of being made by the Inspector of Nuisances (Mr. Billingham).

The purchase of three acres of land for irrigation purposes, in connection with the Sewage Works, has been effected. The filter beds have been re-laid in a new formation, to give downward and upward flow through "polarite." This should improve the effluent.

### ***ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.***

The houses in which diseases of an infectious nature have been known to occur have in most instances been visited, and where possible the patients suffering have been removed to the Isolation Hospital.

In all cases printed directions have been sent to the occupiers of the houses in which the diseases have occurred, directing them as to the means to be used to prevent the spread of the disease, and informing them

that disinfection of the rooms or house will be carried out, if required, by the Sanitary Authority, free of cost. A printed notice is also sent cautioning them against sending other occupants of the house to school, and at the same time a printed notice is sent to the Head Master or Mistress of a School that the person (if a scholar) is suffering from an infectious disease.

### ***ISOLATION HOSPITAL.***

The report of the Fever Hospital is satisfactory. The number of persons treated there has been less than last year, this fortunately has been due to fewer infectious diseases occurring. Whereas last year 91 cases of infectious diseases were reported, this year only 49 occurred. Of these 49, twenty were treated in the Hospital. One additional patient, suffering from Diphtheria, was admitted (by mistake), who lived outside the Borough Boundary. Only cases of Diphtheria were admitted, two of these ended fatally.

The proportion of people treated in this hospital shows that it is steadily growing in favour. Out of the thirty cases of Diphtheria reported as having occurred during the year, twenty were received into and treated at the Hospital.

### ***DISINFECTING CHAMBER.***

Suits of clothes, beds, blankets, and pillows, to the number of 117, were disinfected free of cost.

### ***SICKNESS FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES.***

The number of cases notified during the year was 49. The largest number being due to Diphtheria (30).

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were reported during the last month of the year, but no fresh cases have been reported up to the present time (22nd January).

It is noticeable that of the 30 cases of Diphtheria reported, a *very* small proportion of the cases have occurred in the families of the poorer classes. With regard to the origin of this disease, I can only say that it prevailed around Devizes.

The following table (A) shows the nature and distribution of the diseases, and the table (B) the months of the year in which the various diseases took place.

<b>A</b>	St. John.	St. Mary.	St. James.	Rowde.	Work- house.	Prison.	Total.
Scarlet Fever ..	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
Diphtheria ..	10	13	6	1	—	—	30
Measles ..	1	6	1	—	—	—	8
Enteric Fever ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas ..	1	—	1	—	2	—	4
Puerperal Fever	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Diarrhœa .. (Choleraic)	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Totals ..	13	23	10	1	2	—	49

The following table shows the months of the year in which the various infectious diseases occurred :

<i>B</i>	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Erysipelas.	Chol. Diarrhoea.	Typhoid Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	Total.
Jan. ..	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
Feb. ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
March ..	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
April ..	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
May ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
June ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
July ..	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	8
Aug. ..	—	7	2	—	1	—	—	10
Sept. ..	—	3	2	—	—	1	—	6
Oct. ..	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Nov. ..	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	4
Dec. ..	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
	3	30	8	4	1	2	1	49

**BIRTHS.**

The number of Births registered during the year ending 31st December, 1894, was as under :—

PARISHES.	<i>Legitimate.</i>		<i>Illegitimate.</i>		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
St. John's .. ..	30	29	1	1	61
St. Mary's .. ..	20	27	1	—	48
St. James' .. ..	19	12	—	—	31
Rowde (within the Borough) ..	7	2	—	—	9
Workhouse .. ..	—	2	1	—	3
H.M. Prison .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	76	72	3	1	152

Of the Births registered, 148 were legitimate, and 4 illegitimate. The Birth-rate was 23·6 per 1000 of the population. The percentage of deaths of children under one year of age (10) compared with the Births was 6·5.

The Birth-rate for the past ten years, together with the percentage of Deaths under one year of age, compared with the Birth-rate of the same period was :—

		Birth-rate per 1000 of the Population.		Deaths of children under year per cent. of those born.
For the Year	1883 ..	28·6	..	6·9
	„ 1884 ..	28·0	..	6·7
	„ 1885 ..	30·3	..	11·0

		Birth-rate per 1000 of the Population.		Deaths of children under 1 year per cent. of those born.
For the Year	1886	.. 29·0	..	8·0
„	1887	.. 29·3	..	14·3
„	1888	.. 22·4	..	7·5
„	1889	.. 31·0	..	7·8
„	1890	.. 24·9	..	11·4
„	1891	.. 25·0	..	9·8
„	1892	.. 25·9	..	5·9
„	1893	.. 29·4	..	8·9
„	1894	.. 23·6	..	6·5

### **THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEATH CAUSES.**

The Causes of Death in Table A, at the end of this report, are classified according to the Diseases, Ages and Localities.

During the year 120 Deaths were registered, 25 of these being amongst persons not belonging to the district. Deducting these, the number remaining shows a Death-rate equal to 14·7 per 1000 of the population.

The Death-rates for the Ten preceding Years were :—

1893	..	16·1	per 1000.
1892	..	17·1	„
1891	..	18·2	„
1890	..	15·3	„
1889	..	12·4	„
1888	..	12·4	„
1887	..	15·9	„
1886	..	15·1	„
1885	..	17·0	„
1884	..	12·0	„

**MORTALITY AT DIFFERENT AGES.**

Deaths under 1 year .. ..	10
„ above 1 year and under 5 years ..	5
„ „ 5 „ „ 15 years ..	2
„ „ 15 „ „ 25 „ ..	7
„ „ 25 „ „ 65 „ ..	45
„ „ 65 .. ..	51
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	120
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The number of deaths under one year of age was 10, being 8·3 per cent. of the total. Those between 1 and 5 years were 4·1 per cent. of the total.

**THE CAUSES OF DEATH.**

Zymotic Diseases caused 5 deaths, viz. :—

Diphtheria .. ..	2
Puerperal Fever .. ..	1
Erysipelas .. ..	1
Rheumatic Fever .. ..	1
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	5

or a Death rate equal to 0·7 per 1,000.

Constitutional Diseases :—

Phthisis .. ..	13
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Diseases of the Organs of Respiration :—

Bronchitis	}	26
Pneumonia		
Pleurisy		

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation :—

Heart Diseases .. ..	15
Diseases from other Causes ..	59
Injuries .. ..	2

The following table shows the number of deaths from the chief Zymotic diseases during the past ten years, together with the death-rates for the same period, after deducting the deaths occurring amongst persons not belonging to the Borough.

	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
Small-pox .. ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	10	3	—	—	4	—	29	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	—	—
Diphtheria .. ..	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	2	3	2
Croup .. ..	—	1	4	—	—	1	3	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	—
Fevers } Enteric .. Typhus .. Other or Doubtful	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Diarrhoea and Dysentery.. }	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—
Deaths from the Chief Zymotic Diseases .. }	13	6	6	3	8	5	43	5	8	4
Deaths from other causes }	127	120	139	102	100	125	96	135	119	116
Totals for each year	140	126	145	105	108	130	139	140	127	120
Death rate per 1000 from chief Zymotic Diseases.. }	1.9	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.7	7.0	0.7	1.4	0.7
Death rates from other causes .. }	15.8	14.1	15.0	12.0	11.2	14.6	11.2	16.4	14.7	14.0
General death-rate	17.7	15.1	15.9	12.4	12.5	15.3	8.2	17.1	16.1	14.7

## METEOROLOGICAL RETURN.

Births, Deaths, and Mortality from  
Zymotic Diseases, &c., for each month  
in 1894.

Months.	Thermometer.		Barometer.	Rainfall.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths from				
	Mean Maximum Temp.	Mean Minimum Temp.	Mean.				Diphtheria	Respiratory.	Phthisis.	Measles.	Acute Rheumat.
January ..	43.5	32	29.74	2.19	14	23		6	4		
February ..	47.7	34.2	29.92	2.41	9	9		6	1		
March ..	54.6	34.5	29.87	1.80	14	7	1	1			1
April ..	62	40.2	29.76	1.67	11	15		2		1	
May ..	60	40.5	29.83	1.83	12	9		3			
June ..	69.4	48.9	29.94	2.56	16	10		1	1		
July ..	72.5	52.2	29.86	4.07	16	7		1			
August ..	69.1	51.3	29.86	2.47	10	6	1		1		
September..	63.4	45.5	30.05	2.05	15	12			2		
October ..	57.2	43	29.71	3.42	10	6			2		
November..	51.7	38.1	29.80	6.03	16	8		2			
December..	47.2	3.71	29.89	1.25	9	8		4	2		
Total Rainfall ..				31.75 in.							

Maximum Temp., 90½ degrees, June 30th.

Minimum, in shade, 12 degrees, January 5th.

„ on ground, 7 degrees, „ 4th.

Maximum Barometer Reading, 30.390 Oct. 1st.

Minimum „ „ 28.680 Nov. 12th.

Largest Rainfall One Day, 1.92, Nov. 12th.

For the Meteorological Returns I have to thank  
Dr. Bowes, of the Wilts County Asylum.

# Borough Isolation Hospital.

## EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS for 1894.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Wages *	..	..	..	34	19	10	Received from Patients	..	..	19 19 11
Food	..	..	..	50	8	6½	" " Urban Sanitary Authority	108	6	3
Wine	..	..	..	2	7	0				
Coal	..	..	..	9	2	0				
Gas	..	..	..	18	19	4				
Drugs	..	..	..	28	1	4				
Repairs (Building)	..	..	..	14	8					
Do. (Wheel Chair)	..	..	..	13	6					
Furniture, &c.	..	..	..	1	8	2				
Garden	..	..	..	3	13	10½				
Rates	..	..	..	1	7	10				
Insurance (2 years)	..	..	..	1	17	6				
Printing	..	..	..	3	5	4				
*The salaries of the Matron and Nurse are not included.				8	0					
				£128	6	2				
				£128	6	2				

## **REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.**

SIR,—In accordance with your instructions, I herewith beg to hand you my Report for the past year, together with a Schedule of the Nuisances dealt with during the year.

The whole of the town has been twice thoroughly inspected, and besides this, every week, more or less, inspection has been carried out, and I beg to report that I am of opinion that at the present time the whole of the Borough is in a very fairly clean and sanitary condition. The whole of the Drainage is working well, all drains and sewers have been regularly flushed from large flushing tanks at the head of each system (holding about 2 tons of water each), during times of dry and hot weather. All street gullies have been repaired where necessary, cleared out (weekly), flushed and disinfected.

All scavenging has been done by the Authority's men and horses, all noxious and decaying matter burnt in kilns, and the streets daily cleansed.

I have regularly inspected all the Dairies, Milk-shops, Slaughter-houses and Lodging-houses; and on the other side I beg to append summary of the work done during the past year.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours obediently,

F. G. BILLINGHAM,

Dr. Carless, Medical Officer of Health.	Inspector of Nuisances.
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		Results of Inspection.
1	Complaints received ..	1 Nuisance remedied.
2	Cottages & Houses inspected	312 Found to be no overcrowding.
3	Lodging-house inspected ..	1 Eight times. Bedding clean, rooms clean, and whitewashed.
4	Slaughter-houses inspected	7 Eight times. Kept clean and whitewashed.
5	Bake-houses inspected ..	8 Four times (each).
6	Dairies and Milk-shops inspected .. ..	6 Rooms and vessels clean. Inspected regularly every 6 mos.
7	Cowsheds inspected .. ..	4 Clean and whitewashed ..
8	Workshops inspected ..	
9	Filthy houses cleaned, sec. 46 Public Health Act, 1875	0
10	Houses disinfected .. ..	2
11	Overcrowding abated ..	0
12	Houses placed in habitable repair .. ..	0
13	Houses closed .. ..	0
14	Houses erected or rebuilt for which certificates were applied for .. ..	2
15	Certificates granted .. ..	0
16	Certificates deferred ..	0
17	Well sunk or improved supplies of water afforded ..	0
18	Wells cleansed or repaired ..	0
19	Wells closed .. ..	0
20	Defective pumps repaired, or new pumps erected to existing wells .. ..	0

		Results of inspection.
21	Leaky taps repaired when drawing from public mains	
22	Houses connected with sewers .. ..	All Houses are connected with sewers, except some outside the drainage area of the Borough.
23	Houses connected with water main .. ..	
24	Earth, pail, or improved privies constructed, or existing privies altered ..	
25	Privies and W.C.'s repaired, W.C.'s supplied with water	Water laid on.
26	Cisterns cleansed, repaired, or covered .. ..	
27	Animal fouls improperly kept removed .. ..	
28	Samples of water taken for Analysis .. ..	Cases removed.
29	Samples of food or drink taken for Analysis ..	
30	Compensation paid for destruction of infected bed	
31	Seizure of unsound meat ..	Unsound fish.
32	Nuisances detected and reported to U.S.A. ..	
33	Nuisances abated .. ..	
34	Written notices served ..	Work executed.
35	Summonses taken out ..	
36	Convictions .. ..	
37	Stables drained .. ..	
38	New W.C. erected .. ..	

I append to this Report extracts from the Preface to the Summary of Reports of the Medical Officer of Health, by Professor W. R. Smith, to the Wilts County Council, and the Summary upon the Report of Devizes.

E. N. CARLESS,

Medical Officer Health.

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STATE MEDICINE LABORATORY,

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON,

15th October, 1893.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have given very careful consideration to the reports of the Medical Officer of Health of the various Urban and Rural Sanitary Districts within the Administrative County of Wilts, and made such extracts from them as seem to me to best indicate the work going on in the areas to which they refer, and from time to time have ventured to make such comments as appeared to me necessary.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that the Authorities of the County are becoming increasingly alive to the necessity of making provision for the isolation of the infectious sick, many of them having already provided hospitals, and others are seeking sites.

In view, however, of the Isolation Hospitals Acts, 1893, it would be advisable that the necessities of the County in this respect should be dealt with once for all in a thoroughly comprehensive way; and with the probability of the County Council doing this, it would perhaps be unwise for local authorities to proceed further in this direction at present, pending the inquiry the Council will make, and the action which will necessarily follow.

It is desirable here, perhaps, to give the main provisions of this Act, so far as they affect the County.

1. It does not extend to any county Borough, or, without the consent of the Council, to any Borough of 10,000 inhabitants or more, or to any Borough of a less population unless the Local Government Board direct that the Act shall apply to such Borough.
2. The County Council may provide, or cause to be provided, in any district within the County, an isolation hospital, on application being made to them and proof adduced as to its necessity.
3. An application may be made
  - (a) By any Urban Sanitary Authority.
  - (b) By any Rural Sanitary Authority.
  - (c) By the Authority of any contributory place, being a parish.
  - (d) By 25 ratepayers in any contributory place.
4. On receipt of the application, the County Council, or one of its Committees, if satisfied that a *prima facie* case is made out, shall institute a local inquiry, and take such action thereon as they may think fit.
5. They may direct the County Medical Officer of Health to enquire into the necessity of a hospital in any given place ; and his report, if advising the erection of a hospital, has the same validity as a petition.
6. A hospital district shall be for one area, or for a combination of areas, the decision of the County Council being subject to appeal to the Local Government Board.
7. For the management of the hospital a committee shall be formed wholly or in part of members of the Council.
8. Ambulances must be provided in connection with the hospital.
9. Nurses may be trained for service in or out of the hospital.

10. The expenses in respect of any isolation hospital are divided into three classes,

- (a) Structural.
- (b) Establishment.
- (c) Patients.

The Urban death-rate is 15·62 per thousand.

The Urban birth-rate is 29·45 per thousand.

The Rural death-rate is 16·3 per thousand.

The Rural birth-rate of districts wholly within the County is 26·3 per thousand.

I am, My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM R. SMITH,

M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.Ed.,

*Professor of Forensic Medicine and Director  
of the Laboratories of State Medicine  
in King's College, etc.*

*President of The British Institute  
of Public Health.*

THE CHAIRMAN, ALDERMEN, AND  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

## **DEVIZES.**

*Medical Officer of Health—E. N. CARLESS, M.B.*

*Area, 917 acres.*

1892—Population, 6,426.      Birth-rate, 25·9 ; Death-rate, 17·1.

1893—            „      6,426.            „      29·4 ;            „      16·1.  
(Deducting deaths in public institutions.)

This report, which is printed, notes a decrease in the death-rate in comparison with previous years.

An Analysis is given of the Water supplying the town from the three sources, viz. : (a) the well at Shepherd's Shore, (b) the Market Place, (c) from Long-street, which shows them to be of good quality.

The Slaughter Houses, seven in number, adjoin the business premises and are surrounded by houses. The recommendation of the Medical Officer that a Public Abattoir would be desirable deserves every support in the interest of the butchers themselves, as well as of the inhabitants generally.

The Private Streets Works Act, 1892, has been adopted and came into operation on the 1st November.

The Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shop Order is also receiving attention at the hands of the Council.

Consequent upon the periodic Inspection of Houses, one house was found to be unfit for habitation.

The following Nuisances have been abated during the year :—

Nuisances requiring structural alterations in drains or closets .. .. .	5
W.C.'s without a supply or an insufficient supply of water .. .. .	9
W.C.'s or drains in unsanitary condition .. ..	14
Unwholesome condition of houses .. ..	1
„ „ bake-houses .. ..	1
„ „ slaughter-houses .. ..	1
Houses unfit for human habitation .. ..	1
Overcrowded .. .. .	0
Unregistered slaughter-house used .. ..	1
Animals kept so as to be nuisances .. ..	2
Other nuisances .. .. .	41

Two important Sanitary Improvements have been effected during the year :—

1. The well at the source of the Town water supply has been deepened to the extent of 50 feet.

2.—A Refuse Destructor has been erected, a farm at the east end of the town being rented, and two furnaces being erected thereon for the Destruction of Rubbish.

Infectious Disease has been prevalent in the town to the extent of 91 cases, as follows :—

Small Pox .. ..	1	Measles .. ..	27
Scarlet Fever ..	22	Erysipelas ..	15
Diphtheria .. ..	26		

The case of Small Pox was a prisoner (a vagrant), who was promptly isolated, and no fresh cases occurred.

The origin of the Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria outbreak were undetermined.

The Measles Epidemic was traced to children attending the Elementary Schools from Bishops Cannings.

The measures adopted in dealing with these outbreaks appear to be most satisfactory, but I share the regret of the Medical Officer that the Infectious Hospital is not more commodious and adapted for the treatment of more than one infectious disease. I am sure the Town Council would act most wisely in taking this matter at once into favourable consideration.

Various tables are appended showing the Births and Deaths, together with a detailed statement as to the causes of the latter. I do not think these call for special comment.

A Meteorological Return is also given, recording most useful information for each month of the year.

The return from the Inspector of Nuisances is appended, from which I regret to note that no samples have been procured for analysis under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

The provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act applies to Measles. The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act was adopted on the 5th February, 1893, and came into operation the following 1st November.

It is only fair to Dr. CARLESS that I should record my sense of the able and comprehensive way he has placed before his Authority the various points connected with the Sanitary Administration of his district.





B.

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, during the year 1894, in the DEVIZES URBAN DISTRICT; classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities.	Popula- tion at all Ages. Census 1891.	Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.												NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.											
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.					Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.					Cholera.	Erysipelas.	
								Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.								Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)																								
ST. JOHN'S PARISH ..	1866	61	Under 5 5 upwds.			1 6									1												
ST. MARY'S ,, ..	2392	48	Under 5 5 upwds.		1 1	4 12			1			1			4 1		6 9										
(H) ST. JAMES' ,, ..	1850	31	Under 5 5 upwds.		1	1 5							1	1	2		3										
ROWDE (within the Borough)	318	9	Under 5 5 upwds.			1																					
WORKHOUSE ..		3	Under 5 5 upwds.											2													
H.M. PRISON .. ..			Under 5 5 upwds.																								
TOTALS .. ..	6426	152	Under 5 5 upwds.		2 1	6 24			2			1	1	4	5 3		2 18										

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District? Yes.—Since when? 1890.

(H) Parish in which Isolation Hospital is situated.

A.

TABLE OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1894, IN THE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF DEVIZES,  
classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these statistics ; public institutions being shown as separate localities.  (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)  (a)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																											
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22					
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.					Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Pneumonia.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Ague.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	TOTAL.
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)																												
ST. JOHN'S PARISH ..	19	4			1	5	9	Under 5 5 upwds.																		1				3	4				
ST. MARY'S „ ..	42	3	2	1	3	16	17	Under 5 5 upwds.									1									1				4	5				
ST. JAMES' „ ..	21	2	2	1		7	9	Under 5 5 upwds.															1			2				2	4				
ROWDE „ ..	2		1				1	Under 5 5 upwds.																						1	1				
WORKHOUSE „ ..	27	1				12	14	Under 5 5 upwds.										1												1	1				
DEVIZES HOSPITAL ..	7				1	5	1	Under 5 5 upwds.																											
ISOLATION HOSPITAL	2				2			Under 5 5 upwds.			2																					2			
H.M. PRISON .. ..								Under 5 5 upwds.																											
TOTALS .. ..	120	10	5	2	7	45	51	Under 5 5 upwds.			2						1		1				1		13	22	15	3	48	105					

The subjoined numbers have been taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																							
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.	25	1		1		11	12	Under 5 5 upwds.											1							1	4	2	1	15	24



